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OF AN ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT

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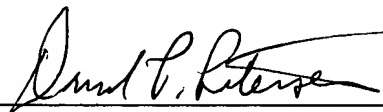
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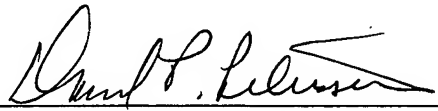
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		3,997,224	12/14/1976	Ogawa et al.
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OTHER DOCUMENTS

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		Four photographs of prior art electrical ribbon/coil connector and housing for connecting one or more circuits on a rotatable steering wheel to portions of the circuits separate from the rotatable steering wheel.

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